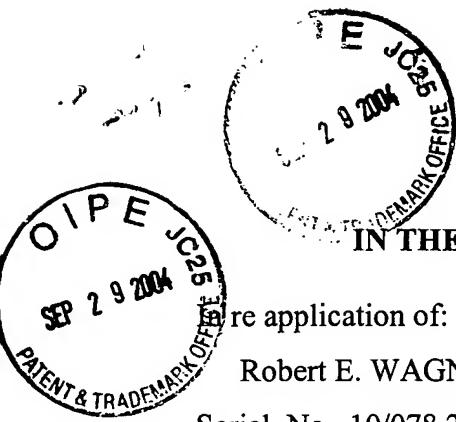


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Restriction/Election Requirement mailed September 2, 2004.

The Office identified two allegedly independent inventions:

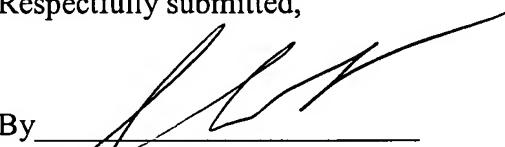
- I. Claims 29-51, drawn to a method for detecting a mutation in a double stranded test DNA molecule, classified in class 435, subclass 6.
- II. Claims 52-55, drawn to kit comprising RecA, MutS and reagents, classified in class 435, subclass 183.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, which encompasses Claims 29-51. Claims 52-55 are withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have responded fully to the Restriction Requirement. Applicants request rejoinder of the kit claims (52-55) once patentable subject matter has been identified in the elected group. It is believed that the case is now in condition for examination and allowance.

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